

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A magnesium based alloy, for high pressure die casting with good castability, having a minimum creep rate (MCR) at 150°C not higher than 3.2×10^{-9} /s under the stress of 50 MPa in combination with a tensile yield strength (TYS) of at least 145 MPa at ambient temperature, containing

- a) at least 86 wt% Mg,
- b) 6.1 to 9.2 wt% aluminum,
- c) 0.08 to 0.38 wt% manganese,
- d) 0.00 to 0.9 wt% zinc,
- e) 0.2 to 1.2 wt% calcium,
- f) 0.2 to 1.4 wt% strontium,
- g) 0.00 to 0.8 wt% rare earth elements,
- h) 0.00 to 0.02 wt% zirconium,
- i) 0.0000 to 0.0004 wt% beryllium and

wherein the total amount of calcium and strontium > 0.9 wt%.

2. (Previously Cancelled)

3. (Previously Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) An alloy according to claim 1, further comprising incidental impurities.

5. (Previously Presented) An alloy according to claim 1, comprising up to 0.004 wt% iron, up to 0.001 wt% nickel, up to 0.003 wt% copper, or up to 0.03 wt% silicon.

6. (Previously Presented) An alloy according to claim 1, wherein the total amount of calcium and strontium is higher than 0.9 wt% and lower than 1.6 wt%.

7. (Previously Presented) An alloy according to claim 1, which contains 7.8 to 8.8 wt% aluminum, 0.00 to 0.3 wt% zinc, 0.65 to 1.05 wt% calcium, 0.25 to 0.65 wt% strontium, 0.00 to 0.2 wt% rare earth elements, and 0.08 to 0.28 wt% manganese.

8. (Original) An alloy according to claim 7, comprising in their structure an Mg-Al solid solution as a matrix, and intermetallic compounds $Mg_{17}Al_9Ca_2Sr$, $Al_2Ca_{0.5}Sr_{0.5}$, and $Al_8(Mn,RE)_5$, said intermetallic compounds being located at grain boundaries of the Mg-Al solid solution.

9. (Previously Canceled)

10. (Previously Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) An alloy according to claim 1, wherein rare earth elements comprise a mischmetal.

12. (Previously Presented) An alloy according to claim 1, which is beryllium free.

13. (Previously Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) An article which is a casting of a magnesium alloy of claim 1.

15. (Cancelled)

16. – 20. (Previously Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Cancelled)

23. (Previously Cancelled)

24 - 25 (Cancelled)